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Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, March 5, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

BEP presents African American folk music

The APG Black Employment Program will present Folk Music of African Americans featuring Devonna B. Rowe, Feb. 27, 1 to 3 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E-4810.

For more information, call Jackie Pitts, 410-436-2771, Brenda Clayton, 410-436-3856 or Nancy Coleman-Jones, 410-306-1386.

RAB meeting, Feb. 27

The Installation Restoration Program will hold the Restoration Advisory Board meeting on Feb. 27, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. Topics will include up-dates on the O-Field Study Area, Operations Security discussion and the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action. Board meetings are open to the public; all are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

KUSAHC asks for beneficiary assistance

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is currently facing mission requirements that challenge staff assets.

Soldiers deploying require a medical clearance, which is integral to Soldier Readiness Processing in preparation for possible war. In response to presidential orders, an increasing numbers of soldiers need provider appointments, immunizations, etc.

These deployments are taxing KUSAHC resources and beneficiaries need to be aware that changes may occur in access during the next month.

To meet this challenge KUSAHC may be forced to curtail or even cancel routine appointments to prepare soldiers in the event of war. Beneficiaries are asked to be patient during this time of unrest.

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Force protection remains a priority

Yvonne Johnson

Published in the interest of the people of Aberdeen Proving Ground

Employees and residents of Aberdeen Proving Ground are reminded that Force Protection remains a top priority during this time of uncertainty.

Joe Kaffl, the installation deputy force protection officer, said that people should not become complacent in the absence of discernable threats.

"In light of the unsettled world situation, the war on terrorism and mobilization efforts, people should stay conscious of their surroundings and take the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of themselves and others," Kaffl said.

This includes noting unusual activities or individuals in and around the work place such as unclaimed packages or unescorted visitors. Suspicious activities need to be immediately reported to the police desks.

'Dealing with the terrorist threat is like defensive driving, don't allow it to significantly curtail your activities but at the same time exercise reasonable precautions," Kaffl said.

Developing clear plans prior to an emergency is the best way to deal with it should it ever take place.

The installation is currently at Force Protection Condition Charlie, a highly elevated

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Edgewood CB Center helps federal employees prepare for terrorist threat

Timothy Lavery

In partnership with the Office of Personnel Management and the Federal Emergency Management Administration, the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center is offering seminars for federal executives addressing the unique management issues involved in response to a terrorist attack with chemical or biological weapons of mass destruction.

After the terrorist attacks of September 2001, many officials identified a knowledge gap where attacks involving chemical and biological agents were concerned. Supported by ECBC's Homeland Defense Business Unit, the seminar serves as an introduction to

chemical and biological agents and their implications, including signs and symptoms, appropriate response and the responsibilities of executiveand management-level personnel. It also covers newly pertinent issues of building management, consequence management, infrastructure returnto-use, legal issues, health care and personnel management following an incident.

The one-day seminar includes classroom sessions and tabletop exercises. It is designed specifically for executives and managers who have little or no background in chemical and biological agent

ECBC is patterning its instruction after the successful

Officials Workshop course, as utilized in the Domestic Preparedness Program of 1996 to 2000. In that effort, ECBC conducted workshops, training and exercises to educate first responders and city officials in more than 100 cities across the United States about appropriate and effective response to incidents involving chemical, biological and nuclear weapons of mass destruction. The Senior Officials Workshop provides information for government response officials on practical approaches to response coordination and actions.

For more information, call the ECBC Public Affairs Office at 410-436-4347.

Army creates new chemical materials agency

Army News Service

The U.S. Army has announced the creation of a provisional agency designed to enhance the safe storage and elimination of the nation's aging chemical weapons.

The new organization, the Chemical Materials Agency (Provisional), combines the demilitarization and storage functions under a single director. Formerly, these functions were operated separately under the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization and the U.S. Army Soldier Biological and Chemical Command.

The agency is part of the program reorgani-

zation directed by Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White, who requested that Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Claude M. Bolton Jr. assume overall responsibility for chemical demilitarization for the Army.

The agency's acting director will be Michael Parker, who currently serves as the deputy commander, SBCCOM. The agency is expected to become an official Army entity by Oct.1. Parker said the CMA came about as the

result of years of observations, audits and studies of chemical demilitarization, chemical

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Protesters descend on the Edgewood Area

Story and photo by Yvonne Johnson

APG News

A group of approximately 20 international anti-war activists known as "Rooting Out Evil" staged a demonstration at the Route 24 gate to the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground for a short time, Sunday morning.

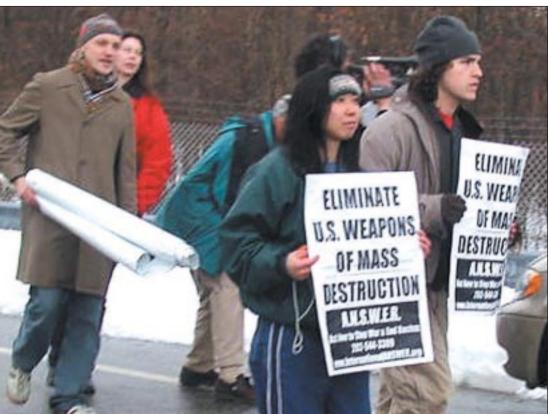
According to George

Mercer, APG Public Affairs installation. officer, the protestors disagree with the administration's policy on the inspection of weapons of mass destruction. The group, accompanied by an equal number of news media, was met at the gate by Mercer and Capt. Floyd Rose, Chief, Edgewood Area Police Department, and told they could not gain access to the

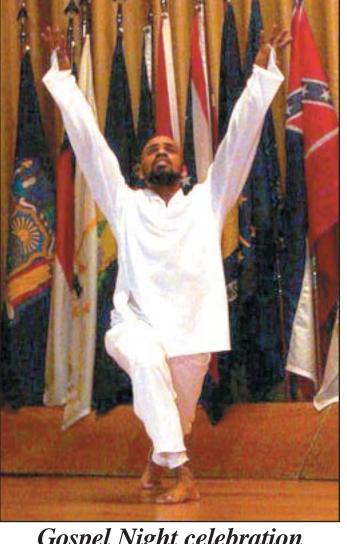
The group presented Mercer with their views and concerns, delivered a letter for Department of Defense leadership, and then were asked to disperse.

Although the group leaders were cordial, the group's presence could not be accommodated for long due to safety

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The group "Rooting Out Evil," a self-proclaimed international weapons inspection team, abandons a protest site near the Route 24 entrance to the Edgewood Area after being asked to leave by Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security personnel Feb. 23.



Gospel Night celebration

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Roger M. Thomas Jr. of Philadelphia, Pa., performs a liturgical dance to open the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 30th Annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night celebration at the Post Theater, Feb. 23. For the complete story, see next week's APG News.

Army to transform Officer Education System

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki has approved a number of initiatives to transform the Officer Education System. The current Officer Basic Courses will be transformed into a three-phase Basic Officer Leader Course, called BOLC.

The Captains Career Course, consisting of Officer Advanced Courses and the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, will be replaced by the Combined Arms Battle Command Course and the Combined Arms Staff Course, respectively. Finally, Intermediate Level Education, or ILE, will provide all majors with three months of the same operational common-core instruction and additional tailored instruction tied to their career field, branch or functional area.

Many of the changes were recommended by the Army Training and Leader Development Panel officer study. This study identified two formative periods in an officer's career during which institutional training and education plays a critical role. The first is initial entry, when the institution prepares officers to lead small units, officials said. The other formative period is associated with the officer's selection for promotion to major, when educational institutions prepare them for fieldgrade responsibilities, officials added.

The first new initiative, BOLC, will ensure a tough, standardized, small-unit leadership experience, officials said. It flows from BOLC I, the pre-commissioning phase, to BOLC II, the initial-entry field leadership experience, and then BOLC III, the

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Watch card

Do observe and report:

 Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.

• Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational infor-

• Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.

• Unusual phone calls,

messages, or e-mails. • Unusual contacts on or

off post. • Unusual aerial activity

near or around installation. Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

Do not: · Discuss any aspect of

operations military planning. · Discuss military capabil-

ities or limitations. • Discuss force protection

measures, capabilities, or • Disclose any information

related to unit deployments. Report any suspicious activity immediately to APG Police:

Aberdeen Area 410-306-2222 Edgewood Area 410-436-2222 Your call may save lives!

FWP holds women's history program March 5

Linda Patrick

To celebrate Women's History Month, the 13th Annual Federal Women's Program Training Conference will be held March 5 in the Edgewood Area Conference Center. This year's theme is "Building Tomorrow's Leaders Today."

Registration is open to all civilian, military and contract personnel assigned to Aberdeen Proving Ground. Attendees must have supervisor approval prior to registering. There is no cost to attend.

Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. Welcoming remarks by Col. Mardi U. Mark, Garrison and deputy commander, installation begin at 8 a.m.

Online registration is also available

http://www.apg.army.mil/garrison/FWP/FWP.htm.

For more information, call Sheryl Coleman, APG Federal Women's Program coordinator, at 410-306-

Commentary.

Letter from the Front

(Editor's note: Father Joseph L. DiGregorio, Chaplains Corps, APG Garrison Headquarters Support Troop, is currently serving a tour of duty in Kuwait. Whenever letters from the front are received from APG service members, they *may be published in this section.)*

Father Joseph L. DiGregorio

It is 4:23 a.m. I awaken to the plaintive chanting of the Mullahs calling the faithful to 'fajr,' the first prayer of the day for all Muslims. "Sing praise to Allah and to his prophet Mohammed." I try to get a few more minutes of sleep but his chanting keeps me awake. I look at my watch again, it's 4:51 a.m. I touch the sensor switch and the temperature appears, it's 89 degrees, not yet 5 a.m. and 89 degrees. It will be another 100-degree day. How many have there been?

I close my eyes and think back 11 years. I was here then during the Gulf War and I remember the heat, the sand, the chanting and most of all I remember why I was here. I am a Catholic priest and an Army chaplain. I'm here, in a country where Christianity is not permitted. To say mass is a crime. Yet, before today is over, I will say mass at least six times.

It's time to get up. I pour some water into my canteen cup, heat it on the little camp stove I brought with me and make a small cup of instant coffee. The rest I pour into a little plastic bowl. I shave and wash and begin the day.

It's 5:30 a.m. and a few soldiers have gathered outside my tent. A few are smoking. I see tell me about the latest news from home. We

more approaching from different locations.

"Good morning, Father," they say almost in unison. "Mass at 5:30?"

"Yep," I respond.

My chaplain assistant has already set up my little altar. Two MRE boxes serve as the legs and another lying across to serve as a table. My chaplain's kit is opened next to the altar. The chalice, cruets and linens are all arranged. I put a white stole around my neck; today is the feast of St. Charles Borromeo. I begin, "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit...'

Standing here in the sands of the Arabian Desert, one feels almost lost in time. In every direction the view is the same. Is this what the Israelites had to deal with when they left Egypt? Is this the place where John the Baptist, Isaiah, Job, Ezekiel and Mohammed fled to? Is this the place that Jesus escaped to, where he was tempted, where He went to pray?

Prayer seems to come easy in the desert. I believe it's because you feel part of the environment. You become one within this vastness of sand. Like the ocean that appears limitless, the sand seems endless. It was in the desert that the prophets found the courage and strength to carry on with their mission. It is in the desert where we come to deal with our own mortality.

The soldiers come to communion. They stretch out their hands, rough and callused with

"The Body of Christ," I say to each and they respond, "Amen." After Mass a few remain to



Photo by SPC. MASONT. LOWERY

As a magnificent sun sets on the western horizon, guiding the way home for 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldiers walking east on Camp New York, Kuwait. (Spc. Mason T. Lowery is assigned to 50th Public Affairs Detachment.)

talk about sports, the ever-changing situation ers, eating MREs, no television, radio or enterwe're involved in and what the future has in store for us. "Where're you heading for now, Father," they ask.

I tell them and they remind me to be careful.

I leave and ask myself, "Do the people at home truly understand why these kids are here? What they are giving up? These kids barely out of their teens, these American soldiers with their M-16s hanging on their shoulders, 5,000 miles from home living in tents, with no showtainment, ready to give their lives for their country if need be.'

God, I say to myself, there is no other place in the world that I would rather be than right here, doing what I'm doing. Why am I here? Because I'm needed. No, not me personally but rather because of what I am, a Catholic priest. I know it was said a long time ago by a great ball player but like him - today - I feel like I'm the luckiest person in the world.

Prayer breakfast message encourages spiritual readiness

Story and photo by Yvonne Johnson APG News

Bacon, eggs and advice on how to prepare spiritually for the possible war was served up for members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community who attended the National Prayer Breakfast observance held Feb. 12 at Top of the Bay.

Maj. Ernest Vermont, APG Garrison chaplain, and Col. Mardi U. Mark, deputy installation commander, hosted the event.

The guest speaker was James F. O'Bryon, a Vietnamera veteran, former deputy assistant to the Secretary of Defense and current national defense and security consultant with The O'Bryon Group.

A songwriter and recording artist as well, O'Bryon offered advice through word and song on dealing with the current world situation and the possible war with Iraq.

Noting, "The USA is the longest surviving democracy in history," O'Bryon said. "People are what make a nation great. We are a religious people. Our nation was founded on church and God. I'm thankful we have a heritage

like that to stand upon."

one of thousands of people who were at work in the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

"You really don't know how important your faith is until you're faced with death," he said, adding thanks that none of his co-workers were injured or killed.

Three days later, he said he was asked to close a memorial service on the fifth floor.

"What a wonderful time we had," O'Bryon said. "We prayed for all the victims and families and we prayed for the terrorists too."

Quoting numerous scriptures that he said sustained him through the years, O'Bryon encouraged listeners to "get closer to God and scripture," for the strength they will need in the coming months.

"We never seem to be quite prepared for things like this," O'Bryon said. "We need to prepare militarily and spiritually, knowing that God is on our side. I hope and pray you seek that foundation that's laid out in scripture."

O'Bryon closed with the song, "Petty Games," which he wrote and which said in part, "Some men die in shrapnel. Some men die in flames. But most men die inch by inch, He shared his experience as playing petty games.

"I hope you won't play games with your life," O'Bryon said. "You only go through one time."

The program featured music from the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) Brass Quintet and Maj. Lou Anne Maddox, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, who sang the national anthem.

Col. Larry Robinson, chaplain, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and Maj. William Liptrot, chaplain, 61st Ordnance Brigade, gave the invocation and the benediction.

James F. O'Bryon

O'Bryon, a national defense and security consultant, is a former deputy assistant to the Secretary of Defense.

A Vietnam-era veteran, O'Bryon served the government for more than 25 years, including Aberdeen Proving Ground's U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, 1986 to 2001.

Also a songwriter and recording artist with four albums, O'Bryon worked as a radio announcer and newscaster for WRBS in Baltimore for 15 years, as a music director in various churches, and has an



James F. O'Bryon, guest speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast observance, Feb. 12 at Top of the Bay, gestures as he sings the song "Petty Games." A former Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, O'Bryon served at APG's Ballistic Research Laboratories and U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, 1986 to

active concert schedule as well as speaking engagements on mathematics, education, music and the patent/copyright sys-

owns several copyrights.

Among his many honors, O'Bryon is a Fellow of the Center for Advanced He has authored more than Engineering Study at MIT and Adina live in Bel Air.

80 technical manuals and chair of the Test and Evaluation Division of the National Defense Industrial Association. He and his wife,

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And there's more coming...



Photo by DEBI HORNE A plow continues the mission of clearing snow on the Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground more than a week after the record-breaking snowstorm that struck the region Feb. 14 to 17. More snowfall is predicted for the area later this week.

Post Shorts

Information Management is cuss information on their p.m. March 4, and includes an currently validating the Garrison and Tenant information in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Telephone Directory. The purpose of this validation is to ensure that the Emergency Response System (911) has electronic access to accurate information.

DOIM representatives will be calling individual numbers to verify that the name, building, floor, and room number on record for the circuit are correct. The Caller ID feature on telephones will display "APG TELE MGMT" for these authorized information reauests.

For more information, call Janet Brown, 410-306-1315.

Firewood for sale

In accordance with APG Regulation 420-11, wood is available at a cost of \$10 per pick-up truckload, standard one-half ton truck.

Permits to buy wood are good for seven days, or until an order is filled, whichever comes first. Permits will be issued on a first-come-firstserved basis.

Only down wood is available; most from trees removed from the 2100 block in the Edgewood Area. Some wood is available in the Aberdeen Area, near the deer shack, building 5504.

For more information, call Roger Stoflet, 410-306-1128.

Orientation for newcomers scheduled

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Information Forum, formerly APG Newcomer Orientation, will be held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, Feb. 27, 1 to 3 p.m.

personnel, retirees and their Health Clinic. For more inforfamily members are invited to attend.

More than 55 representatives of support agencies/organizations will be present to disactivities. Give-a-ways will be available and door prizes awarded.

For more information, call Godofredo (Fred) Posadas, Family Well-Being program manager, Army Community Service, 278-2453 or 7474.

APG MWR holds iob fair

Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a job fair at the Aberdeen Sheraton Four Points Hotel, March 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Positions available include sports, fitness, golf, recreation, youth services and more.

For more information, call 410-278-4497.

MCSC to donate funds

The Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses Club will donate funds to organizations and charities this spring. Groups interested in placing a request for funds should do so in writing. Include name of organization requesting funds, the manner in which the funds will be used, list of other fund raising efforts, and a contact person for the organization (name, address and telephone number).

Requests must be postmarked by April 1. Submit requests to: MCSC Welfare Chairperson, #3 Plumb Point Loop, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005, or e-mail thetorswb@aol.com.

Kirk offers classes

The following classes will be held in the Preventive Medicine conference room (Room A-12), located on the All military and civilian first floor at Kirk U.S. Army mation and to register for classes, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Asthma education

Class is scheduled noon to 2 list on a first-come, first-

overview of asthma; triggers that may cause attacks or symptoms; preventing attacks; use of peak flow meter and MDI/spacer and developing a personal asthma action plan.

All TRICARE beneficiaries with a recent or long-term diagnosis of asthma and parent(s) or sponsor(s) of an asthmatic child are eligible to attend.

Healthy eating class

Classes to discuss weight control through healthy eating are scheduled 7 to 9 p.m., March 12, 19 and 26. All TRI-CARE beneficiaries with a desire to learn more about healthy eating and parent(s) or sponsor(s) of children with healthy eating concerns are eligible to attend.

Participants should bring a calculator to class.

Reserving CAPA Field

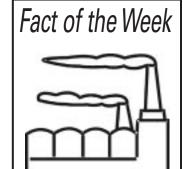
The Civilian Welfare Fund will begin taking reservations for the use of CAPA Field for personal functions on March 3 at 9:30 a.m. The price is \$200 per day. For information or to make a reservation, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

Reduction of veterinary services

For the next six weeks, the APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will be experiencing limited availability of a veterinarian. The VTF will not be able to publish scheduled appointments.

Anyone wishing appointment with the clinic may phone the clinic at 410-278-3911/4575. However, appointment dates will be known only on a short notice

The clinic maintains a waiting list, and as appointment dates become available, the clinic will call persons on that



The United States is the world's largest emitter of CO2 and our emissions are still rising steadily. It will take decades before China and other rapidly growing economies reach our levels of CO2 pollution per person.

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served basis.

Pet owners should be prepared to visit a civilian veterinarian during this period.

Personnel who need health certificates for PCS only should call the clinic for help in locating another VTF to obtain the certificate.

The VTF apologizes for any inconvenience

Thrift Shop to disburse funds

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop will be accepting requests for donations from schools, service organizations and military units through March 1.

The request should include the name of the organization, point of contact, address, telephone number, amount of the request and specific details on what the funds will be used

Mail requests to Diane Payne at 3013 Cascade Drive, Abingdon, MD 21009 or email her at kdjpayne@earthlink.net.

Funds will be distributed in late spring. For more information, call Colleen Newing, 410-676-8583.

MCSC accepting scholarship applications

The Military and Civilian Spouses Club is accepting applications for scholarships until April 1. Applications are available at Web site www.apgmcsc.org.

For more information, call Katie McDonald, MCSC Publicity at 410-273-7477.

Join the spouses club

MCSC membership is open to all spouses (or surviving spouses) and members of the armed forces of the United States on active duty or retired; spouses or surviving spouses of Department of Defense civilian employees; and DOD civilians.

The club's purpose is to provide a support system for MCSC members, to develop leadership, to create a sense of unity within the military community, to broaden and enrich the lives of its members and to promote the relationship between the military and surrounding civilian communi-

The club hosts monthly membership functions, which include both daytime luncheons and popular evening events, like the Fall Frolic and Beer Tasting.

The cost of a half-year membership is \$6.

For more information about MCSC, visit the club's Web site, www.apgmcsc.org.

NAF hiring

Nonappropriated The Funds Civilian Personnel Office is in the process of hiring for the following positions: aerobic instructors, bartenders, child and youth program assistants, cooks, custodial workers, desk clerks, food service workers, lifeguards and pool managers (for May 2003 season), recreation aids and waiters.

For applications, visit NAF CPO, lower level of building 305, APG, or call 410-278-5126/5127.

Parking near dumpsters

In order to service dumpsters located on Aberdeen Proving Ground, drivers are asked not to park in front of dumpsters or adjacent to closer than 10 feet. For more information, call Chris Barwick, 410-306-2349.

CWF hosts trip to **New Orleans**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to New Orleans, Oct. 12 to 15. Tour the French Quarter, try a taste of Cajun cuisine, enjoy music like no other, see the famous Bourbon Street, and more. Lodging at the Iberville Suites, located in the French Quarter and two blocks from Bourbon Street, includes a full breakfast daily. Roundtrip airfare out of BWI is included in the price.

The price per person is \$519 for single, \$449 double, \$429 triple, and \$409 quadoccupancy. A \$50 per person deposit is due upon reservation.

For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

Weight Watchers at Work Program continues

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are continuing on post, and new participants are welcome.

The program offers professional leadership, group support and a sound and safe weight control plan.

To learn more about the Weight Watchers at Work Program at Aberdeen Proving Ground, call 410-278-1151.

Former Academy Life Insurance policyholders may be eligible for payments

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample, USA American Forces Press Service

The Academy Life Insurance Co. seeks immediate contact with an estimated 110,000 current and former service members who may be eligible to receive payments from a fund established as part of a settlement it reached with the Justice Department Dec. 19, 2002.

Col. Steve Strong, director of legal policy in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, said the insurance company will mail notices and payment applications to the last address it has for thousands of former policyholders it believes are eligible. Notices will be mailed by Feb. 24, he

Eligible persons have until June 24 to file, he said. After that deadline, applications won't be considered, Strong emphasized.

The payments of up to \$200 per policy are part of a \$160 million settlement reached after the Justice Department filed a civil complaint against Academy Life for defrauding service members from 1991 to 1998. The complaint alleged the insurers sold more than 92,000 policies of a particular life insurance plan to service members and their families between 1993 and 1998 and reaped more than \$200 million in premiums. Academy Life has not admitted to any improper act.

As part of the settlement the company will pay more than \$2.7 million to persons who purchased their policies from 1991

Academy Life also agreed in the settlement to never again sell another insurance policy in the United States or ask DoD for permission to conduct business on U.S. military installations. The Defense Department in 1998 barred the company from doing business on military installations for three years.

Strong said former policyholders must meet all the following conditions to be eligible for payment from the settlement fund:

- The person was the last owner of a Genesis Series policy issued from Jan. 1, 1991, through Dec. 31, 1998.
- The policy terminated prior to Sept. 30, 2002.
- No death benefit was paid under the policy.
- The person was living on Sept. 30, 2002.
- The person accurately completes an application for payment and mails it to Academy Life by June 24.

Academy Life verifies eligibility.

For more information on eligibility requirements or a notice and application, Strong said call Academy Life toll free at 1-

Reservists - Check child support rules for mobilization

American Forces Press Service

bers who have child support obligations and whose civilian income is larger than their military one should review their rights before they get

The Defense Finance and Guard and Reserve mem- Accounting Service's Garnishment Operations Directorate has been working with the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement to address child support payment issues related to activat-

ed reservists.

One scenario of concern, said Rod Winn, director of garnishment operations, is a reservist whose child support order is based on civilian income and doesn't take into account a possible loss of income caused by military activation.

Neither the obligation nor the payment due is affected automatically by military service except as the support order may state.

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weapons, and site security.

"A sense emerged that there was the opportunity to unite a number of standalone function, to integrate the totality of chemical programs," Parker said.

"The CMA brings all the parties under one roof necessary to carry out the mission of the safe storage and elimination of obsolete and aging chemical weapons in the United States," he said.

"With a Congressional mandate, the Army embarked on this mission in 1985, further supported by the U.S. signing the Chemical Weapons Convention Treaty in 1997. As the Army moved further into the destruction phase, it became clear that this realignment would best position us to fulfill our mission."

Parker said that safety remains the

Army's number one priority in destroying the weapons held at eight different stockpile sites and found at numerous nonstockpile locations. He said the cornerstone of the destruction program has been and remains the safety of the public, the workers, and the environment and that the integration of chemical programs such as weapons, treaty compliance, storage and demilitarization, enhance that corner-

"This simplifies the ability of the Army to speak with one voice," Parker said. "It provides the Army a single platform to track costs and overall performance."

Parker said he will spend the next few months defining the organization and its structure, using a lean approach in the defining process.

He estimated the total staff affected includes about 4,500 employees, including the 1,700 National Guard troops that provide security at nine sites associated with stockpile and non-stockpile chemicals. Parker will lead the Edgewood area headquarters with Dr. John Ferriter as director of Plant Operations and Delbert Bunch, project manager for Elimination of Chemical Weapons.

In 2002, the Army accomplished much in its chemical weapons destruction effort, including the destruction of GB (Sarin) at Tooele, Utah; construction of a destruction facility at Pine Bluff, Ark.; completion of testing efforts at a facility in Anniston, Ala.; selection of destruction technologies at Pueblo, Colo., and at Richmond, Ky.; and acceleration of the neutralization programs at APG, and Newport, Ind.

So far, the Army has destroyed 8,082 tons of chemical agents, which is equivalent to more than 25 percent of the stockpile in the United States.

(Editor's note: Yvonne Johnson, APG *News, contributed to this article.)*

Protect

From front page

"Although we do not anticipate moving to Delta, the highest level in the spectrum, the possibility that this could take place if another incident occurs in the United States cannot be discounted," Kaffl

All personnel should be aware of their reporting status if we should return to Delta. Under Delta conditions only critical operational personnel should be identified as being required to report to the installation, with most other personnel remaining at home in an on call status. "For planning purposes no more than 5 percent of personnel should report under Delta conditions and this percentage should be reduced further if possible," Kaffl said.

Anyone that does not know their status under Delta should ask their supervisor. The time to determine status is now, not after an incident takes place.

Anyone required to report under Delta conditions should carpool, stage arrival times, remove non-work, non-emergency items from vehicles before entering post and do not leave post and return for nonofficial reasons once arriving at work.

Another way to become more knowledgeable regarding the threat is to take the self paced awareness class located at http://www.at-awareness.org The access word for the site is AWARE. This is an annual mandatory requirement for all government and military per-

Noting the recent change from yellow to orange in the national threat level, Kaffl said that to stay knowledgeable and informed people should familiarize themselves with information on homeland security related Web sites such as the U.S. Department of Homeland Security at http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic.

"We can't overemphasize the importance of staying informed, being observant and taking precautions," Kaffl said.

"Everyone plays an important role in force protection."

Community Notes

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27 AFRICAN AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC

The APG Black Employment Program will present Folk Music of African Americans, presented by Devonna B. Rowe, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E-4810. For more information, call Jackie Pitts, 410-436-2771, Brenda Clayton, 410-436-3856 or Nancy Coleman-Jones, 410-306-1386.

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 28 USO-METRO JOB FAIR

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint **Employment Transition** Services, or JETS, will cohost a job fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Spates Community Club, Fort Myer, Va. More than 50 companies with full or part-time positions will attend. Job seekers can talk to representatives from high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies, financial service companies and more. The fair is free and open to all members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and DoD and Coast Guard civilian personnel. For more information, call Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth, 703-696-2552.

SATURDAY MARCH 1 **VFW BASKET BINGO**

The Fifth District Scholarship Fund, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Maryland, 1714 Morse Road, Jarretsville, will hold Basket Bingo at 6 p.m. Call Jim Heil at 410-557-6743 or Tina Carr at 410-452-5396.

'STATES RALLY'

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, are hosting a "States Rally" at 3 p.m. The program will benefit the church's Annual Woman's Day program scheduled for March 23. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

WACVA MONTHLY MEETING

The next meeting of the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association Aberdeen Free State

Chapter 70 is 11 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Center. Women Army veterans, active duty, National Guard and reservists are invited to attend as well as women veterans from other branches. This week's guest speaker is Norman Boskind, chair of the Harford County Veterans' Commission. Like the commission, Freestate Chapter 70 is dedicated to the betterment of all veterans of Harford County. For more information about the chapter or the WACVA, call Sheila Smith, Chapter 70 president, at 410-273-1687.

SUNDAY MARCH 2 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH LUNCHEON

The Harford County Commission for Women will hold the 19th Annual Women's History Month Luncheon, 12:15 to 4 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, Van Bibber Road, Edgewood. This year's theme is "Living to Learn. Learning to Live." Guest speaker will be Dr. Jennifer Weeks Sekowski, a molecular toxicologist at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. Sekowski was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans for 2002. Cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person; reservations must be made by Feb. 27.

For more information, or to request disability-related accommodations, call Karen Tegges, 410-638-4444.

TUESDAY MARCH 4 **PANCAKE SUPPER**

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, are hosting a Pancake Supper that includes pancakes, eggs, grits, sausage, bacon, cream beef, biscuits, fried potatoes, orange juice, coffee and tea. The cost is \$7. The proceeds will benefit the church's Annual Woman's Day program scheduled for March 23. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

FRIDAY MARCH 7 **COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8; cash bar and no lessons. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

MONDAY MARCH 10 to 14 ADAPT COURSE

Army Drug and Alcohol Prevention Training will be held Monday through Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday, 5 to 9 p.m. All military families and civilian employees are invited to attend. For more information, call Troy Denson at 410-278-3137.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12 **DAV BEL AIR CHAPTER 30 MEETING**

The DAV Bel Air Chapter 30 will meet at 7 p.m., at the VFW Hall, 303 S. Atwood Road. For information and transportation, call 410-838-8325 or 410-879-0861.

FRIDAY MARCH 14 **BAYTRUST GRANT DEADLINE**

Deadline for applications for the next quarterly Chesapeake Bay Trust grants of up to \$25,000 is 5 p.m. March 14. Applications with original signature must be received in the office by then. Grantees will be notified in May. Schools or organizations that have proiects planned for the spring should submit their application now, as the next deadline will be July 18, with notification in September.

Grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations, community associations, civic groups, schools and public agencies that contribute to revitalizing the Chesapeake Bay for results-oriented activities to promote public awareness and participation in the restoration and protection of the Bay, and mus engage either students or volunteers. Grants are not awarded in support of endowments, individuals, building campaigns, deficit financing, annual giving, or research.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a private, nonprofit grantmaking foundation whose

mission is to promote awareness and public participation in the protection and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. Proceeds from private donations, the Line 37 Maryland Income Tax Check-off, and the popular "Treasure the Chesapeake" Blue Heron Commemorative License Plates have allowed the Trust to fund over \$13 million since 1985.

For more information about the Chesapeake Bay Trust or to apply for a grant, contact the organization at 410-974-2941 (ext. 5) or visit

www.chesapeakebaytrust.org.

Movies

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard

A GUYTHING

Friday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 9 p.m.

Starring: Jason Lee, Julia Stiles

When he wakes up the morning after his bachelor party in bed with a strange woman (Stiles), a man (Lee) presumes he must have cheated on his fiance. Guilt leads him to try to cover it up in the week before the wedding; high jinks ensue. Paul tells a teensy lie, which turns into a bigger lie. (Rated PG-13)



KANGAROO JACK

Saturday, March 1, 7 p.m.

Starring: Jerry O'Connell, Anthony Anderson

This is a comedy that follows the misadventures of two friends from Brooklyn who are forced to deliver mob money to Australia. While taking pictures of a kangaroo, one of them places his red jacket on it. When the wild kangaroo bounces off, they realize the mob money is in the jacket and are forced to give chase through the Outback. (Rated PG)

Watch your step

Unexploded ordnances pose danger to deployed soldiers

Spc. Katherine Robinson

Since the beginning of Operation Desert Storm, mines, bombs, and rounds have been placed, dropped and fired in the region of Kuwait and Iraq. Many unexploded ordnances still lie dormant, deteriorating, and are possibly dangerous.

"If you didn't place it there, don't touch it," said Staff Sgt. Jason McClintock, a 707th explosive ordnance disposal team leader from Bloomington, Calif. "I can't express to you how inherently dangerous [unexploded ordnances] are."

McClintock was speaking to soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) during a UXO awareness class, Feb. 5. McClintock's class discussions included how to recognize explosive ordnance and how to identify suspicious packages. The class also included information about minefields and vehicle searches.

In Iraq, there are more than 2,000 known minefields in the north alone. But many of the examples shown in pictures during the class were taken in Kuwait, primarily at Udairi

"Everybody fires downrange at Udairi," said Sgt. William McClary, a 707th EOD team member from Franklin, Iowa. He said if ammunition fails to function, no one picks it up. It's still waiting down there to explode.

McClintock explained that minefields are not the only dangerous items in the desert and that just because a munition fails to explode when it's originally used, doesn't mean it can't explode later. Many items are inactive for a long time, waiting to be triggered.

"There are a lot of UXOs to be aware of," he said. The definition of a UXO is something that failed to function as designed. "Therefore, it creates a more inherent danger."

Dangerous ordnance can fall in to four categories, McClintock said: items that were placed, items that were thrown, projectiles and

nel and anti-vehicle mines. He said anti-personnel mines are especially harmful.

"Anti-personnel mines are not designed to kill. They are designed to maim - to take off an arm or a foot," he said.

Thrown items include any types of grenades. "Smoke grenades are just as hazardous as hand grenades," McClintock said. "They have an explosive pyrotechnic ignitor. That stuff is going to burn you."

Projectiles include mortar rounds, rockets, guided missiles and rifle grenades. Bombs are any items dropped from an aircraft.

The class included extensive procedures soldiers should follow when they come upon UXOs. Information on how to probe their way out of a minefield and what to do when a vehicle convoy comes upon a minefield was also included in the instruction.

McClintock said when soldiers find any kind of UXO, they should, "stop, get a good mental image, and walk away."

He said soldiers should never try to mark a UXO by placing a flag right next to it. Some ordnance requires less than an ounce of pressure to set it off and some even have magnetic fields. A flag could blow over in the wind and disturb the ordnance.

A flag should be placed at least a length and a half away, and the soldiers should report to EOD using a nine-line report. The soldier should be at least 100 meters away from the item, McClintock said.

A nine-line report includes information such as date and time, reporting activity, unit identification and grid coordinate of the UXO, contact method (radio frequency, call sign), type of ordnance, nuclear biological or chemical contamination, resources threatened, impact on mission and protective measures taken. Recommended priority should also be included - immediate, indirect, minor or no threat.

"The exactness that you can give these reports benefits us a lot," McClintock said.

McClary said soldiers inquiring about or reporting UXOs should call their division tactical operations center, which will in turn contact

Items that were placed include anti-person- (Editor's note: Spc. Katherine Robinson is assigned to Camp New York, Kuwait, 50th Public Affairs Detachment.)



A soldier holds a training tool, an example of what an unexploded ordnance looks like. Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) received an awareness class, Feb. 5. at Camp New York, Kuwait, on unexploded ordnance, a potential danger.

PAC-3 missiles ready to fire

Story and photo by Capt. Enrique T. Vasquez 32nd AAMDC PAO

The United States Army, in conjuntion with DoD and Ratheon Company, fielded the new Patriot Advanced Capability (PAC)-3 missile.

The Patriot PAC-3 missile is expected to be America's key defensive weapon against Iraq's tactical ballistic missiles and weapons of mass destruction, should the nation go to war.

"This will be the first time PAC-3 missiles will be fired in combat, should the United States be involved in a conflict in the Gulf region," said 32nd Army Air Defense Command Chief of Staff Col. Charles Anderson.

PAC-3 missiles have been fielded throughout Southwest Asia as part of the Army's modernization strategy.

Under the Army's force modernization strategy, the Army anticipates a threat and designs a defense long before that threat appears.

To enable the Army to implement that strategy, the science and technology program must be closely linked to Army force modernization. The focus is on upgrades, advanced systems and concepts, which meet Army needs and delivering timely and affordable technologies.

"The PAC-3 missiles is the final piece of the Patriot's PAC-3 program," said Lt. Col. Joseph DeAntona, commander, 2nd Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas.

The Patriot PAC-3 program is part of a series of three stand-alone fielding configurations, called 'Config 1, 2 and 3.' Each configuration consists of a grouping of materiel-change packages and a software upgrade called a postdeployment build, which includes a collection of software product upgrades. Config 3 incorporates the Patriot PAC-3 missile.

"The PAC-3 missile provides state of the art, 'hit to kill' technology and dramatically improves the Patriot missile system's ability to destroy tactical ballistic missiles, such as SCUDs, "DeAntona said.

"In essence, you are hitting a bullet with a bullet," Anderson said.

The 'hit to kill' technology allows the PAC-3 missile to collide with an inbound tactical ballistic missile at supersonic speeds, making a warhead kill more likely than the proximityfused Patriot missile used in the Gulf War.

Although, the PAC-3 is making history, so are the men and women of 2/1 ADA.

These air defense soldiers are the first to receive the Patriot PAC-3 missiles in Southwest Asia.

"Our soldiers have been working with PAC-3 longer than any other Patriot organization." DaAntona said. "They were actively involved with testing the PAC-3 capability to this theater of operations."

Patriot soldiers are excited about making history with the new PAC-3 missiles.

"I feel very important. I am making history, because I was the one who signed for the first missiles," said Spc. George Kise, unit supply specialist, Battery D, 2-1 ADA.

"We made history, because we were the first unit to have these missiles operational," said Sgt. Richard Robbins, Patriot system maintainer, Battery D.

Patriot soldiers were also excited about the new PAC-3 missiles for other reasons.

"Once hooked up, the missiles popped right in and heated up just like it's supposed to," said Robbins. "They are easy to turn on and test."

"I thought it was good the PAC-3s finally arrived here," said Spc. Darnell McCleod, automated logistics specialist, Battery D.

"Although the Patriot system is better equipped to do its mission," Anderson said, "we cannot forget the contribution of the brave men and women, who employ America's best technology, and stand ready to defeat whatever threat we face."



Soldiers of Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment load newly arrived Patriot PAC-3 missiles onto a specially configured Patriot missile launcher.

Navy researchers keep eye on 90,000 babies a year

Doris Ryan

Special to the American Forces Press Service

About 90,000 babies are born to U.S. military families each year. Army families welcome 40 percent of the babies; the Air Force, 25 percent; Navy, 24 percent; and Marine Corps, 11 percent. Military babies are born in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and overseas. California, Texas and Virginia report the highest number of military births annually - more than 7,000 each. Nearly 10 percent of military births occur outside the United States.

These numbers are all part of the Department of Defense Birth and Infant Health Registry, a database established in 1998 at the Naval Health Research Center in San Diego. The collocated DoD Center for Deployment Health Research manages the registry and provides surveillance of birth defects prevalence.

"Within the U.S. military, the overall prevalence of birth defects is approximately 3 percent," said Cmdr. (Dr.) Margaret A. Ryan, the DoD center director. "That's the same as the civilian population, which is very reassuring. But we have to keep looking harder at the data, because

every baby born on our watch with similar surveillance prois important."

Ryan pointed out that with the growing number of women on active duty and the diverse hazardous exposures associated with military service, reproductive health issues are a special concern. The DoD Birth and Infant Health Registry follows inpatient and outpatient visits for babies from birth through their first year.

The registry is compatible

grams at the Centers for Disease Control Prevention and in some states.

"It's notable that only 35 states have any kind of birth defects surveillance," Ryan said. "This type of surveillance isn't easy to do. The military is uniquely positioned to do this well, because we have a lot more data presented in a uniform way.'

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Morale, Recreation & Welfare

Activities

St. Patrick's Day Sale

Ruggles Golf Course is having a St. Patrick's Day sale March 3 to 18, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (weather permitting). Receive 40 percent off any items that are green, 75 percent off selected groups of ladies and men's gloves, and 20 percent off all other golf merchandise (shoes and balls not included). For more information, call Tom Green at 410-278-4794 or e-mail tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

Fundamentals of fencing

All equipment is provided to learn one of the oldest and most fascinating sports in the world. The skills and timing involved for the execution of the quick movements required in fencing can be astonishing.

Class starts March 4, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Cost is \$25. Register by Feb. 28 at MWR Registration or online www.apgmwr.com.

For more information, call Charles Heinsohn, 410-278-3868, or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil. **Introduction to putting**

This one-hour class will help improve golf scores by teaching the proper grip, stance, swing, and aim on the putting green. Class will be held on March 6 at Ruggles Golf Course from 1 to 2 p.m. Register by Feb. 27 at MWR Registration, Ruggles Golf Course, or online at www.apgmwr.com. Cost is \$10. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger, 410-278-3931, or stacie.umbarger!@usag.apg.army.mil.

Golf school for beginners

This four-week series of classes takes the intimidation out of the game for the first time golfer. Every aspect of golf will be covered from the correct stance, grip, clubs, etiquette, to the swing. First class will be held March 9 at Ruggles Golf Course from 1 to 3 p.m., but subsequent classes will be for one hour. Cost for the series of classes is \$55. Register by Feb. 28 at MWR Registration, Ruggles Golf Course, or online at www.apgmwr.com. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger, 410-278-3931, or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Introduction to golf

This two-hour class will help take the

Register by Feb. 28 at MWR Registration or online at www.apgmwr.com.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger, 410-278-3931, or e-mail stacie.umbarger!@usag.apg.army.mil.

Introduction to weight training and conditioning

This series of classes is designed to improve strength, flexibility, and endurance.

Instruction will cover specific exercises and techniques which can help make your body stronger, fitter and more flexible. Classes will start on March 10 at the APG Athletic Center from 6 to 7 p.m. Register by March 7 at MWR Registration or online www.apgmwr.com.

Cost is \$25. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or email him at charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Crop until your drop

Get your own photos ready! MWR is hosting a "crop" for beginners as well as advanced scrappers. Professional scrap booking consultants will be on-site to teach beginners how its done. Lots of door prizes and raffles, along with loads of fun.

Class will be held March 15 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Register by March 7 at MWR Registration or online at www.apgmwr.com. Cost is \$10, and an extra \$5 for instruction. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Circus tickets Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus tickets are available at MWR Registration. Schedule and prices

March 15, 3:30 p.m., \$ 16; 7:30 p.m., \$16 March 16, 1:30 p.m., \$16; 5:30 p.m. \$16 March 22 3:30 p.m., \$16; 7:30 p.m. \$16 March 23, 1:30 p.m., \$16; 5:30 p.m. \$16

For more information, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4011/4907 or email MWR_Registration@usag.apgarmy.mil.

Introduction to Irons

This one-hour class can help improve fear out of the game for the first time golf scores through instruction on the golfer. Class includes a brief tour of the proper grip, stance, and swing. Class will clubhouse, a demonstration on how the be held on March 16 at Ruggles Golf ball machine works, golf etiquette and the Course from 1 to 2 p.m. Register by MWR Registration or online difference between golf clubs. Each par- March 6 at MWR Registration, Ruggles www.apgmwr.com. For more information, ticipant will receive a special gift. Class Golf Course, or online at call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or will be held March 9 at Ruggles Golf www.apgmwr.com. Cost is \$10. For more stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Course from 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$30. information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Introduction to Woods

This one-hour class can help improve golfer's scores with instruction on proper grip, stance and swing of the woods. Class will be held on March 20 at Ruggles Golf Course from 5 to 6 p.m. Register by March 14 at MWR Registration, Ruggles Course, or online www.apgmwr.com. Cost is \$10. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

NCAA Men's Basketball March **Madness**

The Sutherland Clubhouse at Ruggles Golf Course is the place to be for NCAA Men's Basketball action. EVERY game for the entire tournament will be televised. There will be limited bar service, draft beer and food specials during the games. The action runs March 20 through April 7, time will depend on the schedule of games. For more information, call Tom Green at 410-278-4794 or e-mail tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

March Madness 3-on-3 **Basketball Tournament Weekend**

Tournament weekend is March 22 to 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the AA Athletic Center. Cost is \$30 for active duty and \$40 for all others. This is a five-person roster, three-person play, half court games, 30-minute running clock, double elimination, officials, and awards for first and second place. Register by March 10 at MWR Registration or APG Athletic Center. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

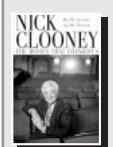
Yoga Fit

Yoga Fit is a hybrid style of yoga that is fitness oriented and user friendly. The Yoga Fit style follows the traditional group exercise model warm-up, work and cool down. Yoga Fit draws from Ashtanga, lyengar and Kundilini yoga but maintains the safety guidelines and eliminates the fitness contraindications.

There are two sets of classes: March 24 to May 21 at Youth Services from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., or March 25 to May 22 at the AA Youth Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m. Cost for the series is \$30. Register by March 13 at

Library Book Corner

A few of the new books available at the APG MWR libraries include:



The Movies That Changed Us: reflections on the screen by Nick Clooney. The host of American Movie Classics discusses 20 movies that changed lives, some for the better, some for the worse, ranging from the 1998 Saving Private Ryan to the 1915 Birth of a Nation.



Catfight: women and competition by Leora Tanenbaum.

The American Arsenal: the World War II Official Standard **Ordnance Catalog**

The Universe Next Door: the making of tomorrow's science by Marcus Chown





The Get With the Program Guide to **Good Eating** by Bob Greene

Yoga Workout: having a fabulous **shape forever** by Barbara Currie

A Map of the Child: a pediatrician's tour of the **body** by Darshak Sanghavi



Essentials of Asian Cuisine: fundamental and favorite recipes by Corinne Trang



Devil at My Heels: a World War II hero's epic sage of torment, survival, and forgiveness by Louis Zamperini



The Rise and Fall of Jim **Crow** by Richard Wormser

When You Ride Alone, You Ride With Bin Laden: what the government should be telling us to help fight the war on terrorism by Bill Maher.



Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Edgewood Area library is open Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

To receive a complete listing of the library's new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically, call the library at 410-278-3417.

DCFA-MWR holds summer job fair

The Aberdeen Proving Directorate of Community and Family Activities is sponsoring a job fair offering full-time, parttime, and flex positions. Anyone wishing to work at Points Hotel March 6, 10 a.m. repairer

A partial listing of available jobs include bartenders, cooks, food service workers, gardeners, gardeners (tractor operators), lifeguards, lifeguard training instructors APG May through September (pool managers), operations 2003 should visit the assistant (night manager), Aberdeen Sheraton Four recreation aides, small engine and waiter

trainees/waiters.

No photocopying services will be provided, so anyone interested should bring multiple copies of their resume. There is no limit to the number of interviews available.

Childcare will not be provided at the fair.

For more information, call 410-278-4497/9816.

Shirley Caesar concert is March 8

-Yvonne Johnson APG News

The renowned First Lady of Gospel, Shirley Caesar is bringing her energetic style to Aberdeen Proving Ground for the First Annual Gospel Concert, "Celebrating the Gospel in Song," March 8 in the Post Theater. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door.

Coordinated by Morale Welfare and Recreation pro-

gram manager, Earlene Allen, cards may call in advance to the show features Caesar and the Caesar Singers. Allen said sales are brisk for the popular gospel star.

"Seating is very limited. Anyone wanting tickets should call for reservations right away as they are going fast," Allen said.

Tickets may be purchased over the phone by credit card, she added.

In addition, those without government

have their name placed on a roster that will be on hand at the gate, Allen said.

"This is just a time saver for

convenience sake," she said. For tickets, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4907 or visit building 3326. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or email her at earlene.alidentification len@usag.apg.army.mil.

School Liaison

GET READY TO READ

The National Education Association is celebrating 'Read Across America' March 3. Schools all across America are emphasizing the importance of good reading skills through classroom activities, book clubs, the Internet, libraries, and local community and neighborhood events.

Child and Youth Services, School Liaison/Youth Education Services is kicking off its annual kids reading program with the formation of book reading clubs at both youth centers called 'Reading Circles.' This small group reading and discussion program is aimed at first and second graders, and third through fifth graders.

Penny Branham, Family Child Care director, is leading the initiative and will train interested adults on how to conduct the

Following implementation, middle and high school programs are planned starting in April-May timeframe. In coordination

with local schools, a summer reading program will be offered as a way to keep reading interest and skills at a high level without 'drop-off' during the summer months when children are out of school.

Read Across America started in 1998 on the eve of Dr. Seus' birthday andf encouraged read alongs by adults and teenagers, books such as The Cat In The Hat and the Curious George books. There were over 45 million participants last year.

NEA's Read Across America goal remains the focus: 'To encourage adults to read aloud to the children in their lives and to motivate young people to read on their own-not just this one day, but 365 days a year.'

NEA's Read Across America Web sites www.nea.org/readacross www.readingrockets.org.

For more information or to form a reading group, call Ivan Mehosky, APG School Liaison representative, at 410-278-2857.

Sweet lessons from MWR

Angela Keithly, left, instructs Alex Zielinski, middle, on the proper method of placing milk chocolate into round plastic molds as Jacqueline McKeever, right, prepares the next step in the candy making class sponsored by MWR Feb. 6, just in time for Valentine's Day..

Chili-cook-off and golf tournament postponed

The chili cook-off and golf tournament tournament or cook-off, call Tom Green at have been postponed until March 8 and 15 to 16 due to weather conditions.

If you have any questions regarding this

410-278-4794 or e-mail him at tom.green-

@usag.apg.army.mil.

Protest

From front page

concerns said Mercer.

"It lasted less than an hour but the sheer numbers were impeding traffic," Rose said.

"The size and location of the demonstration necessitated calling the demonstration to a halt," Mercer said. "The post police and Harford County Sheriff's Department halted traffic to ensure their safety, but that area is just not conducive to gatherings of any size. The police were very patient and there was no confrontation at all.

"It just came down to the fact that they were blocking access to the installation and obstructing an important public roadway," Mercer said. "It was an unsafe and inappropriate situation for everyone. The police out there deserve a lot of credit for handling the situation well."

Support

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have to ask for a review and modification of the child support obligation from their appropriate state child support agency, he said. For more information, he said, visit the Web sites below:

State child support enforcement agencies gateways at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/extinf.htm#exta.

Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement Information Memorandum (IM)-01-09 at www.acf.hhs.gov/pro-

Babies

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includes information supplied

by multiple sources, such as

military treatment facilities,

clinics and civilian hospitals.

At military facilities, standard

codes report health care visits

whether at the U.S. Naval

Hospital Okinawa or Naval

Medical Center San Diego.

Data gathered on babies born

at civilian facilities through

TRICARE also is reported in a

Ryan and her team also

standard way.

She said the registry

grams/cse/pol/im-01-09.htm. DoD guidance, provided

under "Family Law Matters" at the secure Web site operated by the Army Judge Advocate General's Office https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/L egal.

"This issue can have serious consequences for the reserve military member and dependent children relying on the support," Winn said. "All reservists with support obligations are urged to review the garnishment guidelines."

(Editor's note: Adapted from a Defense Finance and Accounting news release.)

and service-related informa-

exposure histories that may be

relevant to birth-defects sur-

veillance and research efforts.

Birth and Infant Health

Registry annual reports from

1998 to 2000 would be avail-

able later this year on the

Naval Health Research Center

(Editor's note: Doris Ryan is a

writer for the Research and

Development Directorate,

Naval Bureau of Medicine and

Surgery, in Washington, D.C.)

http://www.nhrc.navy.mil/.

Ryan said access to DoD

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Aberdeen Area Chapel

Building 2485 410-278-4333/2886

Catholic

Saturday confessions, 4 p.m. and anytime by appointment Saturday evening mass, 5 p.m. Sunday mass, 8:45 a.m. CCD (September to May), 10 a.m. Weekday mass (Monday to Thursday), 11:45 a.m.

First Friday Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and mass, 11 a.m. Choir practice (Wednesday), 7:30 p.m. Rosary (Monday) 6:30 p.m. Catholic Youth of the Chapel (fourth Sunday), 12:30 p.m.

Gospel

Sunday school (all ages), 11:30 a.m. Worship service, 12:30 p.m. Women's fellowship (first Saturday), 9

Men's fellowship (Thursday), 7 p.m. Singles fellowship (fourth Saturday), 10

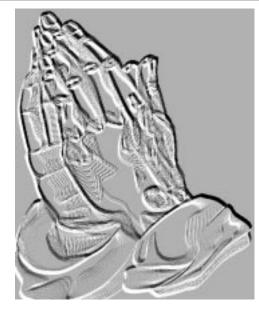
Choir practice (Tuesday), 7 p.m. Bible study (Wednesday), 7 p.m.

Every Friday, noon to 1:30 p.m. in building 5447, call Sgt. 1st Class Washington, 410-278-5394 for more information.

Jewish

Luncheon each Thursday, noon in the chapel social hall.

Latter Day Saints



Every Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., classroom 3

Protestant

Sunday school (September to May), 9 a.m.

Worship service, 10:15 a.m. Choir practice (September to May) Thursday, 7 p.m. Protestant Men of the Chapel (Wednesday), noon Protestant Men of the Chapel (second Saturday), 8 a.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel (Monday), 7 p.m. Protestant Women of the Chapel (Thursday), 9:30 a.m.

Edgewood Area Chapel Building E-4620

410-436-4107/4109

Catholic

Sunday confessions (anytime by appointment), 10 a.m. Sunday mass, 10:45 a.m. CCD (September to May), 9:15 a.m. Weekday mass (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), 11:45 a.m. Communion service (Monday) Deacon,

11:45 a.m. Choir practice (Wednesday), 7 p.m.

Hispanic prayer group (Friday), 7 p.m.

Latter Day Saints

Every Sunday, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Center

Protestant

Worship service, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Bible study (Sunday after services), 11

Adult Bible study (Tuesday), 11:45 a.m. Choir practice (Wednesday), 6 p.m.

Christian Fellowship Luncheon Third Wednesday of each month, 11:30

Chapel Coffee House - Solider

Fellowship Every Saturday evening, 6 p.m. NOTE: After duty hours, in case of emergency, call the staff duty officer at 278-4500 or visit www.apg.army.mil/gar-

rison/chaplain/default.htm any time for more information.

tion about active-duty members. They can determine Arthritis - exercise, medication can help deployment and occupational

As the body ages, pain and stiffness in joints can become more prevalent. Often, the pain caused by this condition, known as arthritis, can be reduced with exercise and medica-

The most common form of arthritis, osteoarthritis, usually occurs with age and affects the fingers, knees and hips. Medication may be administered in this case, but gentle stretching, ice packs and plenty of rest for the sore joint can also reduce pain.

Exercise and watching your weight may keep arthritis from worsening.

Visit a healthcare provider to discuss options if developing

or currently suffering from arthritis.

For more information about arthritis, call the 24-hour Health Care Information Line for help. The line is staffed by registered nurses who can help determine the non-emergency or self-care needed in the proper setting and can provide information on health issues. Call 1-800-308-3518 anytime, day or night to speak to a nurse or to access the Health Information Library (Pin #208).

(Editor's note: Sierra Military Health Services, Inc., the TRI-CARE administrator for TRICARE Northeast, presents this information courtesy of the National Institute of Health.)

Education

have access to demographic

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branch technical and tactical training phase.

BOLC by developing a corps of mature, confident and competent lieutenants who have a common bond with their combined arms peers, officials said. They said graduates will be ready to lead small units upon arrival at their first FY 06. assignment. Plans are for BOLC to be fully implemented in the third quarter of fiscal year 2006.

The second initiative focuses on the training and education of captains. Two courses are currently planned: The Combined Arms Staff Course for staff officers and the Combined Arms Battle Command Course for company/battery/troop commanders. These courses will provide assignment-oriented training, just in time for the duty position, officials said.

Both courses capitalize on advanced distributed learning and new high-impact resident training methods such as the multi-echelon, combined arms "gauntlet" exercises conducted at Fort Knox, Ky. CASC and CABCC will put comseat for junior officer professional development, officials said, while returning approximately 1,500 captains to the field. They said plans are for CASC and CABCC to be fully implemented by 2nd quarter,

third initiative, Intermediate Level Education, provides all majors with the same common core of operational instruction, and additional tailored education opportunities tied to the requirements of the officer's specific career field, branch or functional area. For majors. the current Command and General Staff Officer Course selection policy makes education a discriminator, officials

"Under this policy only 50 percent of mid-career officers

attend resident instruction. while the other 50 percent complete the education through non-resident courses," said Lt. Col. Jim McCreight, chief of the ILE Team at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, The Army will benefit from manders back in the driver's Kan. "Under the ILE concept, 100 percent of the majors will get resident instruction." "The ILE is designed to

provide all majors a quality, tailored education, linked to Officer Personnel Management System III, to prepare them for their next 10 years of service," said Col. Mike Griswold, special assistant for Leader Development to the Commandant, CGSC. "This program will produce field grade officers with a warrior ethos who are grounded in warfighting doctrine, and who have the technical, tactical, and leadership competencies and skills to be successful in their career field, branch, or functional area. "

Upon full implementation of ILE in the fourth quarter FY 05, the three-month ILE common core curriculum will be delivered in residence at Fort Leavenworth for operations career field officers, reservecomponent officers, and the traditional complement of sister service and international officers. The information operations,

operations support, installation support and special branch officers will receive their ILE common core at distance education campus sites where qualified Command and General Staff College instructors will teach them. Reservecomponent officers will still attend The Army School System TASS classrooms located in CONUS and overseas, or can take the core via an advanced distributed learning course.

Officers completing the ILE core curriculum will be military education level 4, MEL 4, and joint professional military education, JPME I, qualified. To complement the core and obtain career-field credentialing, officers in the information operations, operational support, and institutional support career fields will

participate in functional area tactical and operational qualification courses. For some proponents, officials said this tailored educational experience will also include advanced civil schooling.

The seven-month Advanced Operations and Warfighting Course at Fort Leavenworth for operations the Advanced Operations and career-field officers will focus on planning and executing full-spectrum operations at the tactical and operational levels. History, leadership, and joint instruction will continue to receive heavy emphasis throughout the curriculum, officials said.

Simulations will be used extensively to drive the learning and multiple opportunities will be provided for officers to practice their warfighting competencies and skills. This learning model will send fieldgrade officers back to the Army better prepared to run staffs, support commanders, mentor junior officers, and eventually command battalions and brigades, officials said. The result will be a significant improvement in the warfighting capability of Army and joint staffs, officials added.

The ILE core curriculum pilot started at Leavenworth in August 2002 with 256 officers. These same 256 officers are now piloting Warfighting Course.

In addition to the Fort Leavenworth pilot, the Army will pilot the distance-education campus site concept in the spring, officials said, using the core curriculum piloted at Fort Leavenworth this past fall. Priority of attendance will be other-than-operations career-field officers already board-selected for CGSOC. Pilots will continue in fiscal year 2004, officials said, until full implementation of ILE in FY 05.

"All three of these initiatives adhere to the overarching principle behind OES Transformation: right training and education, right officer, right medium, right time and place," said Griswold.

LEAVE DONATION

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency);

and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program should contact Dave Mial, 410-278-1524, to complete a termination form.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

William G. Argiropoulos Mary A Banaszak Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement) Mildred T. Becker (surgery) Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia) Gretchen E. Blethen Robert J. Boonstoppel (surgery) Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant) Daniel Brown (father has emphysema) Tammy Budkey Jane E. Calahan (surgery) Patricia D. Choate Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)

Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity) Geraldine S. Cragg Dawn M. Crouse (surgery) Jessica L. Dang (maternity) Rene de Pontbriand Tricia Lin Dietz Fred Dill Joseph R. Dugan Messina Enderlein Wayne Erb (wife is ill) Patty Gibson Edgar W. Greer Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery) Fern L. Hitchcock (surgery) Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)

Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant) Theresa L. Hutchins Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery) Marcia Johnson (caregiver for daughter) Marlin Julian (heart surgery) Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg) Jennifer Keetley (maternity) **Beverly King** (caring for husband) William Klein Anita L Koller (care for husband) Carrie L. Lambert

Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury) William B. McLean (kidney failure) Stacy Miller (maternity) Michelle Millary (taking care of father) John E. Mogan (surgery) Calvin E. Peake Cecil Pennington (surgery) Karen S Pense Mary E. Pettiway Linda M. D. Queen **Barbara Carol Remines** (surgery) Michael Reynolds Boyd J. Richards (care of mother) Denise Robinson

(mater-nity) Ricky Ross (heart attack) Allan Scarborough (back surgery) Jennifer W. Sekowski **Sherry Schaffer** Diane Scott Lena Shelton Teresa L. Shores Colvin J. Strickler II Rachel Swearingen Hilary P. Talbot Gale L. Thompson (surgery) Alison Tichenor (surgery) Susan J. Townsend (surgery) Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)

Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity) Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems) Michelle L. Watters Beverly A. Werner (surgery) Michael R. Willard Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant) Ludilina O. Valarao (surgery) Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed) Wanda L. Waldon (surgery) *Colleen Waller Josephine O. Wojiechowski (care for elderly parents)

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877. (*An asterisk indicates employees working at the APG office of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory. Call Susan Goldberg, 301-394-1080, regarding ARL employees.)



Before attempting a 325-pound squat, McLean gets assistance slipping into her gear. Fellow lifters help her into an Erector shirt, which is used by lifters to maintain an upright posture during lifts. From left, Edgar Bautista, Joseph Scheidelman and Robert Pope.



Edgar Bautista, rear, looks on as Robert Pope adjusts McLean's leg wraps. The wraps are pulled as tight as possible to prevent the lifters knees from blowing out from the tremendous weight during squats.



In full squat suit, that also includes about \$400 worth of equipment, McLean adds wrist wraps before attempting her final lift of the day.



Margaret McLean warms up with a 135-pound squat lift in the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center. During her workouts, McLean does about seven repetitions before moving on to heavier weights.

APG lifter is number one in the nation

Story and photos by Yvonne Johnson APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Margaret McLean attended USA Powerlifting's Women's National Powerlifting Championships in Killeen, Texas, in January, and came away a champion.

An avid lifter for just two years, McLean took first place in the women's master's division and fourth place in the women's open division after lifting in the squat, bench press and deadlift rounds against more than 200 competi-

McLean is the wife of Sgt. 1st Class Hurdist McLean, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion. She works as an accountant at the Perry Point VA Medical Center.

McLean is a regular competitor in APG's annual bench press and deadlift competitions and can be found training in the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center weight room, where she said her interest in the sport began, at least three days a week.

"I heard that weight training was the best way to lose weight, firm up and gain strength," McLean said. "One day I just stopped in and asked someone to show me how to get started."

Since then, McLean has gone from a 90pound novice lifter to lifting in excess of 425 pounds and taking numerous titles in local and regional competitions.

McLean said the sport is particularly beneficial to women, most of whom shy away from he knew it wasn't a game anymore," McLean

"I'd like to see more women involved. A lot pushing me to excel."

don't think they can do this. I do this to show that with faith, you can push on and do anything," McLean said.

She thanked the AA Athletic Center staff and fellow lifters, particularly Robert Pope and Stanley Edwards, for inspiring her to grow and

"If not for Rob [Pope] I wouldn't be here," she said, adding that he offers training advice, helps her with her equipment, and spots for her during competition.

A retired sergeant first class and administrative officer with the 16th Ordnance Battalion, Pope said McLean has advanced at an impressive rate.

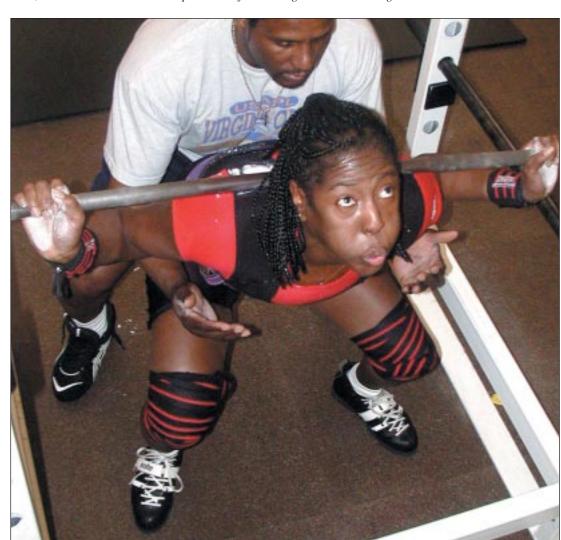
"She has good style and has really improved over time," Pope said. "We are really proud. She's been to national competition, somewhere I haven't even been yet."

With another win at the national level, McLean hopes to advance to world competition. She and other APG lifters will compete in the World National Powerlifting Federation Nationals, March 1 in Edison, N.J.

At age 46, with three children, two of whom are grown and in the military, McLean said she is pleased with the way powerlifting has enhanced her life.

"I've improved my strength and confidence and made great friends," she said, adding that her husband, though a non-lifter, is her biggest

"The first time he saw how much I could do, said. "Now, he is my main supporter, always



Robert Pope, rear, spots for McLean as she squats 315 pounds. She later thanked her fellow lifters for assisting with the gear, which she can neither put on nor take off unassisted.

Bench press results

Due to erroneous information received from the APG Sports Office, the results from the Intramural Bench Press Competition are being reprinted.

Results

Best overall female

Champion, Jamie Jackson, **Best overall male**

Champion, Matt Long, HST

Team awards First place, HST Second place, (tie) Company C 16th/USMC

Civilian women

Heavyweight champion, Tracy Graves, DLES, 165 pounds Lightweight champion, Robin Edie, MWR, 75 pounds Civilian men Heavyweight champion, Brian Prediger, CHPPM, 425 Heavyweight champion, David Diana, TEU, 425

Military Women

132-pound division Champion, Jaime Jackson,

HST, 105 pounds Runner-up, Martiza Cisneros, NCOA, 95 pounds 148-pound division Champion, Terri Atkins, HHC 16th, 100 pounds Runner-up, Anita Shirazi, Company C 16th, 95 pounds 165-pound division Champion, Billie Guzzon, Company C 16th, 110 pounds Runner-up, Brandi Simmons, NCOA, 85 pounds

123-pound division Champion, Carlos Aragones, 105 pounds 148-pound division Champion, Denson Adams, USAF, 245 pounds Runner-up, John Payne, Company B 143rd, 220 pounds 165-pound division Champion, Mark Sammon, MRICD, 260 pounds Runner-up, Johnathon

Champion, Eugene

Seamans, 1/246th, 300

Military Men

HHC 16th, 240 pounds Bridges, Company C 16th, 235 pounds 181-pound division

Runner-up, Edgar Bautista, HHC 61st, 285 pounds 198-pound division Champion, Matt Long, HST, 415 pounds Runner-up, Willie Garis, Company E 16th, 370 pounds 220-pound division Champion, Carroll Collins, 1/246th, 330 pounds Champion, James Hagle, USMC, 330 pounds 242-pound division Champion, Eddie Mayner,

Sub-masters lightweight division Champion, Anthony King, MDARNG, 250 pounds Runner-up, David Hester,

Company E 16th, 430 pounds

Sub-masters

heavyweight division Champion, Bruce Radcliff, 520th TAML, 405 pounds Runner-up, Roger Graves, HHC 16th, 325 pounds

Masters heavyweight division

Champion, Aaron Schachte, HHC 143rd, 370 pounds Runner-up, Carroll Lucas, SBCCOM, 340 pounds

Basketball update

No intramural basketball games were played last week. The following games are scheduled for March 3 to 7.

American Division

Schedule March 3 6:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 16th 7:30 p.m., HST vs. HHC 61st 8:30 p.m., HHSB vs. KUSAHC March 5 6:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHSB

7:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. HHC 16th **Standings**

HHC 16th HHC 61st 5-2 HHSB NCOA **KUSAHC** 2-4 HST 1-5 1/246th 0-5

National Division

Schedule March 4

6:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. Company A 7:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. Company B

8:30 p.m., 389th vs. USAF 6:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. Company C

7:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. USAF 8:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. 389th

Standings

Company B 16th 8-0 Company E 16th 5-2 Company C 16th 6-3 Company A 16th 5-4 USMC **USAF** 1-7

389th **Edgewood Division**

Schedule March 3 6:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. Company A 7:30 p.m., TEU vs. MRICD March 4 6:30 p.m., company C 143rd vs. Company B

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5-2

7:30 p.m., TEU vs. Company A 1/246th 6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Company B 143rd

7:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. Company C 143rd March 6

6:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. TEU 7:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Company C 143rd

Standings MRICD TEU

Company A 1/246th 6-2 Company B 143rd 5-3 HHC 143rd 4-4 Company A 143rd 3-5 Company C 143rd 2-6 **CHPPM** 0-10

Women's football to show support for U.S. troops--Announces 'OPERATION FOÖTBALL PALS'

pounds

The National Women's Football Association, the largest league in the world for women's full contact NFL-type football, has announced OPERATION FOOTBALL PALS.

OPERATION FOOTBALL PALS will provide free women's football trading cards to U.S. troops both stateside and serving in foreign countries.

The cards are collectibles, very similar to men's football trading cards, and feature the player and her stats on the back.

The league will also provide free collectible schedule cards to

all military personnel.

Finally, the players and coaches of the league and its 35 teams

will provide pen pals to service men and women serving abroad. "As a former service brat, I really understand how much these kind of things mean to our armed forces," said league CEO, Catherine Masters.

"Our player cards are fun and are history in the making and we know the troops will like them a great deal. We also know that it's important to have pen pals and we'd like to provide that for them. Many of our players are active military and this is our

way of thanking them and the many other men and women who protect us and keep our nation strong."

Interested military personnel who would like the free player cards, free schedule cards or a pen pal, should contact Debby Lening, vice president of Media and Marketing at 615-582-2994

or e-mail her at footballmedia@cs.com. For additional information on the National Women's Football

Association, visit Web site www.womensfootballcentral.com or call 615-860-4084.